

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

THE  
RANDOM  
HOUSE  
DICTIONARY  
of the  
ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE

JESS STEIN

Editor in Chief

LAURENCE URDANG

Managing Editor



© Copyright, 1966, by Random House, Inc.

All rights reserved under International and Pan-American Copyright Conventions

PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK BY RANDOM HOUSE, INC.

AND SIMULTANEOUSLY IN TORONTO BY RANDOM HOUSE OF CANADA LIMITED

*Random House Dictionary* and its abbreviations RHD and RHDEL are trademarks of Random House, Inc.

First Printing

Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 66-21939

Entered words which we have reason to believe constitute trademarks have been designated as such.

However, neither the presence nor the absence of such designation should be regarded as affecting the legal status of any trademark.

*The Concise French Dictionary*, edited by Francesca L. V. Langbaum, © Copyright, 1954, by Random House, Inc.

*The Concise Spanish Dictionary*, edited by Donald F. Solá, © Copyright, 1954, by Random House, Inc.

*The Concise Italian Dictionary*, edited by Robert A. Hall, Jr., © Copyright, 1957, by Random House, Inc.

*The Concise German Dictionary*, edited by Jenni Karding Moulton, © Copyright, 1959, by Random House, Inc.

*Major Dates in History*, edited by Charles D. Lieber and Anne Dyer Murphy, © Copyright, 1964, by Random House, Inc.

Entire contents of the *Atlas* and the index to the maps, © Copyright, 1966, by C. S. Hammond & Company.

*Chart of Periodic Table of the Elements*, © Copyright, 1964, by E. H. Sargent & Co.

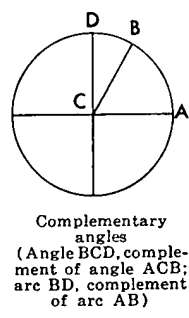
*Table of Common Proofreader's Marks*, © Copyright, 1950, 1956, by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

Manufactured in the United States of America

complemental (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*



*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complemental-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -t(ə)l), *adj.* 1. *complementary*. 2. *Obs.* a. *accomplished*. b. *ceremonious*. c. *complementary*. [*COMPLEMENT* + *-AL*] —*com-* *ple-men'tal-ly*, *adv.*

*complete/frac'ture*, a bone fracture in which the bone is split completely across.

*completely nor'mal space'*, *Math.* a normal topological space in which every subspace is normal.

*completely reg'ular space'*, *Math.* a topological space in which, for every point and a closed set not containing the point, there is a continuous function that has value 0 at the given point and value 1 at each point in the closed set.

*complete, quadrilat'eral*, a plane figure composed of four straight lines and their points of intersection.

*complet'ing the square'*, *Math.* a method, usually of solving quadratic equations, by which a quadratic expression, as  $x^2 - 4x + 3$ , is written as the sum or difference of a perfect square and a constant,  $x^2 - 4x + 4 + 3 - 4 = (x - 2)^2 - 1$ , by addition and subtraction of appropriate constant terms.

*comple'tion* (kəm'plē'shən), *n.* 1. the act of completing. 2. the state of being completed. 3. conclusion; fulfillment: *His last novel represented the completion of his literary achievement.* 4. *Football.* a forward pass that has been completed. [*< L completiō- (s. of completiō).* See *COMPLETE*, *-ION*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'plex* (*adj.* kəm'pleks', kəm'pleks; *n.* kəm'pleks), *adj.* 1. composed of interconnected parts; compound; composite: *a complex highway system.* 2. characterized by a very complicated or involved arrangement of parts, units, etc.: *a complex machine.* 3. so complicated or intricate as to be hard to understand or deal with: *a complex problem.* 4. *Gram. a.* (of a word) consisting of two parts, at least one of which is a bound form, as *childish*, which consists of the word *child* and the bound form *-ish*. *b.* See *complex sentence.* 5. *Math.* pertaining to a complex number. [*< L complex(us) ptp. of complere to complete*]

*com'pli-cat-ed* (kəm'plā kā'tid), *adj.* 1. composed of elaborately interconnected parts; not simple; complex: *a laboratory of complicated apparatus.* 2. consisting of many parts not easily separable; difficult to analyze, understand, explain, etc.: *a complicated problem; a complicated person.* [*COMPLICATE* + *-ED*] —*com'pli-cat-ed-ly*, *adv.* —*com'pli-cat-ed-ness*, *n.* —*Syn.* 2. involved, tangled, knotty.

*com'pli-ca-tion* (kəm'plā kā'shən), *n.* 1. the act of complicating. 2. a complicated or involved state or condition. 3. a complex combination of elements or things. 4. an element that introduces, usually unexpectedly, some difficulty, problem, change, etc.: *Because of the complications involved in travel to Latvia, we called off the trip.* 5. *Pathol.* a concurrent disease or a fortuitous condition that aggravates the original disease. 6. the act of forming a unified idea or impression from a number of sense data, memories, etc. [*< LL complicatio- (s. of complicatio), equiv. to complicatus* (see *COMPLICATE*) + *-ion* -*ion*] —*com'pli-ca-tive*, *adj.*

*com'plice* (kəm'plis), *n.* *Archaic.* an accomplice or associate. [*late ME < MF < LL complice(m), acc. of complex confederate (formation modeled on simplex), equiv. to com- com- + -plex -fold*]

*com'plic-it-y* (kəm'plis'itē), *n.* *pl.* -ties. the state of being an accomplice; partnership or involvement in wrongdoing: *He was accused of complicity in the crime.* [*COMPLICE* + *-ITY*] —*com'plic-i-tous*, *adj.*

*com'pli-er* (kəm'plī'ər), *n.* a person who complies. [*COMPLY* + *-ER*]

*com'pli-ment* (n. kəm'plə'ment; v. kəm'plə'ment), *n.* 1. an expression of praise, commendation, or admiration: *A sincere compliment boosts one's morale.* 2. a formal act or expression of civility, respect, or regard: *He paid her the compliment of escorting her.* 3. *compliments*, a courteous greeting; good wishes; regards: *He sends you his compliments.* 4. *Archaic.* a gift; present. —*v.t.* 5. to pay a compliment to: *to compliment a child on his good behavior.* 6. to show kindness or regard for by a gift or other favor: *He complimented us by giving a party in our honor.* 7. to congratulate; felicitate: *to compliment a prince on the birth of a son.* —*v.i.* 8. to pay compliments. [*< F < It compliment(o) < Sp cumplimiento, equiv. to cumpli- (see COMPLY) + miento -MENT; R. COMPLEMENT in same sense*] —*com'pli-ment-a-ble*, *adj.* —*com'pli-ment-er*, *n.* —*com'pli-ment-ing-ly*, *adv.* —*Syn.* 1. praise, tribute, eulogy, encomium, panegyric. 5. commend, praise, honor, flatter. —*Ant.* 1. disparagement.

*com'pli-men-tary* (kəm'plə'men't(ə)l, -trē), *adj.* 1. of the nature of, conveying, or expressing a compliment, often one that is politely flattering: *complimentary reviews of his novel; a complimentary remark.* 2. free: *a complimentary ticket; a complimentary copy of a textbook for the teacher.* [*COMPLIMENT* + *-ARY*] —*com'pli-men-ta-ri-ly*, *adv.* —*com'pli-men-ta-ri-ness*, *n.*

*com'plimen'tary close'* (klōz), *n.* the part of a letter that by convention immediately precedes the signature, as "Very truly yours," "Cordially," "Sincerely yours," etc. Also, *com'plimen'tary clos'ing*. Also called *clos-ing close*.

*com'plin* (kəm'plin), *n.* *Eccles.* the last of the seven canonical hours, or the service for it, originally occurring after the evening meal but now usually following immediately upon vespers. Also, *com'pline* (kəm'plin, -plīn). [*ME comp(e)lin, equiv. to compli, comp(e)lie (< OF complie, complice, < L completa (hora) complete (hour) + -in (of MATIN))*]

*com'plot* (n. kəm'plot'; v. kəm'plot'), *n.* *v.* -plot-ted, -plot-ting. —*n.* 1. a joint plot; conspiracy. —*v.t.* 2. to plot together; conspire. [*< MF < ?*] —*com'plot-ment*, *n.* —*com'plot-ter*, *n.*

*com'plu-vi-um* (kəm'plū'vēm, kom-), *n.* *pl.* -vi-a (-vī ə). (in ancient Roman architecture) a central area open to the weather, as in an atrium. [*< L, equiv. to complu(ere) (to) flow together (com- com- + pluere to rain) + -ium n. suffix*]

*com'ply* (kəm'plī), *v.t.* -plied, -ply-ing. 1. to act in accordance with wishes, requests, demands, requirements, conditions, etc.; agree (sometimes fol. by *with*): *They asked him to leave and he complied. She has complied with the school's academic requirements.* 2. *Obs.* to be courteous or conciliatory. [*< It compli(re) < Sp cumplir (see COMPLIMENT) to fulfill, accomplish < L complere, equiv. to com- com- + plere -fill + -re inf. suffix*]

—*Syn.* 1. acquiesce, yield, conform, obey, consent, assent. —*Ant.* 1. refuse, resist.

*com'po'* (kəm'pō), *n.* *pl.* -pos. composition material. [*by shortening*]

*com'po'* (kəm'pō), *n.* *Australian Slang.* See *work-men's compensation insurance*. [*COM(ENSATION) + -o suffix of appurtenance*]

*com-po-nent* (kəm'pō'nent), *adj.* 1. being or serving as an element (in